



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>AFGHANISTAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Plant Protection and Quarantine Department
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plants, plant products and other regulated products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Plant Protection and Quarantine Law Language(s): Dari/Pashto Number of pages: 49
6. Description of content: Pursuant to Article 14 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, this Law provides the conditions to improve plant protection, plant quarantine services and protection of the environment; prevent the introduction of and control the spread of plant pests; facilitate trade in plants and plant products; and improve livelihoods, food security and sustainable development of the national economy, in accordance with international obligations including relevant WTO agreements. The Law contains a total of seven chapters, comprising 41 articles, dealing with: I. General Provision; II. Duties and Authorities; III. Permits; IV. Phytosanitary Measures; V. Containment and Eradication of Pests; VI. The import and export of plant seeds, plants and plant products; VII. Miscellaneous Provisions.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 28 July 2016 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 August 2016
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 July 2016 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: nationalenquiry.af@gmail.com
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